

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method executed by a computer of determining a desired
2 product corresponding to a user objective, comprising the steps of:
3 providing a first ~~said~~-user objective and a second user objective;
4 providing a first set of input data selected from one or both of wellbore data and
5 reservoir data, and providing a second set of input data selected from one or both of wellbore
6 data and reservoir data;
7 automatically generating a first workflow in response to the first user objective, and
8 automatically generating a second workflow in response to the second user objective;
9 automatically selecting a first subset of software modules of a first tool and a second
10 subset of software modules of a second tool in response to the first workflow, wherein the first
11 subset corresponds to a first path in the first tool that defines a first order of execution of the
12 software modules in the first subset, and wherein the second subset corresponds to a second
13 path in the second tool that defines a second order of execution of the software modules in the
14 second subset;
15 automatically selecting a third subset of software modules of the first tool and a fourth
16 subset of software modules of the second tool in response to said second workflow, wherein the
17 third subset is different from the first subset, and the fourth subset is different from the second
18 subset, wherein the third subset corresponds to a third path in the first tool that defines a third
19 order of execution of the software modules in the third subset, wherein the third path is
20 different from the first path, wherein the fourth subset corresponds to a fourth path in the
21 second tool that defines a fourth order of execution of the software modules in the fourth
22 subset, and wherein the fourth path is different from the second path;
23 executing ~~one or more the~~ software modules of the first subset according to the first
24 path on a processor in response to said first set of input data;
25 executing ~~one or more the~~ software modules of the second subset according to the
26 second path on said processor in response to output from the ~~one or more~~ software modules of
27 the first subset;[[and]]

28 executing the software modules in the third subset according to the third path on said
29 processor in response to said second set of input data;
30 executing the software modules in the fourth subset according to the fourth path on said
31 processor in response to output from the software modules of the third subset;
32 determining a first said desired product in response to at least executing the software
33 modules of the first and second subsets, wherein the first said desired product includes a model
34 of a reservoir to be produced by a well; and
35 determining a second said desired product in response to at least executing the software
36 modules of the third and fourth subsets, wherein the second said desired product includes
37 another model of the reservoir.

1 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium readable by a computer tangibly embodying a set of instructions executable by said computer to perform method steps for determining a desired product corresponding to a user objective, said method steps comprising:

- receiving a first ~~said~~-user objective and a second user objective;
- receiving a first set of input data selected from one or both of wellbore data and reservoir data, and receiving a second set of input data selected from one or both of wellbore data and reservoir data;
- automatically generating a first workflow in response to the first user objective, and automatically generating a second workflow in response to the second user objective;
- automatically selecting a first subset of software modules of a first tool and a second subset of software modules of a second tool in response to the first workflow, wherein the first subset corresponds to a first path in the first tool that defines a first order of execution of the software modules in the first subset, and wherein the second subset corresponds to a second path in the second tool that defines a second order of execution of the software modules in the second subset;
- automatically selecting a third subset of software modules of the first tool and a fourth subset of software modules of the second tool in response to said second workflow, wherein the third subset is different from the first subset, and the fourth subset is different from the second subset, wherein the third subset corresponds to a third path in the first tool that defines a third order of execution of the software modules in the third subset, wherein the third path is different from the first path, wherein the fourth subset corresponds to a fourth path in the second tool that defines a fourth order of execution of the software modules in the fourth subset, and wherein the fourth path is different from the second path;
- executing ~~one or more~~ the software modules in the first subset according to the first path on a processor in response to said first set of input data;
- executing ~~one or more~~ the software modules of the second subset according to the second path on said processor in response to output from the ~~one or more~~ software modules of the first subset;[[and]]
- executing the software modules in the third subset according to the third path on said processor in response to said second set of input data;
- executing the software modules in the fourth subset according to the fourth path on said

processor in response to output from the software modules of the third subset;
determining a first said desired product in response to at least executing the software
modules of the first and second subsets, wherein the first said desired product includes a model
of a reservoir to be produced by a well; and
determining a second said desired product in response to at least executing the software
modules of the third and fourth subsets, wherein the second said desired product includes
another model of the reservoir.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A system responsive to a set of input data and a user objective for
generating a desired product corresponding to said user objective, comprising:
first apparatus for receiving a first ~~said~~ user objective and a first set of input data
selected from one or both of wellbore data and reservoir data, and for receiving a second user
objective and a second set of input data selected from one or both of wellbore data and
reservoir data;
second apparatus for automatically generating a first workflow in response to the first
user objective, and automatically generating a second workflow in response to the second user
objective;
third apparatus for automatically selecting a first subset of software modules of a first
tool and a second subset of software modules of a second tool in response to the first workflow,
and automatically selecting a third subset of software modules of the first tool and a fourth
subset of software modules of the second tool in response to said second workflow, wherein the
third subset is different from the first subset, and the fourth subset is different from the second
subset, wherein the first subset corresponds to a first path in the first tool that defines a first
order of execution of the software modules in the first subset, the second subset corresponds to
a second path in the second tool that defines a second order of execution of the software
modules in the second subset, the third subset corresponds to a third path in the first tool that
defines a third order of execution of the software modules in the third subset, and the fourth
subset corresponds to a fourth path in the second tool that defines a fourth order of execution of
the software modules in the fourth subset, where the third path is different from the first path,

and the fourth path is different from the second path; and
processor apparatus for automatically executing ~~one or more~~ the software modules of
the first subset according to the first path in response to said first set of input data, executing
~~one or more~~ the software modules of the second subset according to the second path in
response to output from the ~~one or more~~ software modules of the first subset, executing the
software modules of the third subset according to the third path in response to said second set
of input data, executing the software modules in the fourth subset according to the fourth path
in response to output from the software modules of the third subset.[[and]] generating a first
said desired product in response to at least execution of the software modules of the first and
second subsets, and generating a second said desired product in response to at least execution
of the software modules of the third and fourth subsets, wherein the first said desired product
includes a model of a reservoir to be produced by a well, and wherein the second said desired
product includes another model of the reservoir.

6. (Cancelled)

1 7. (Currently Amended) A method executed by a computer for determining a final product
2 in response to a user objective, comprising the steps of:

3 providing ~~[[said]]~~a first user objective and providing first input data selected from one
4 or both of wellbore data and reservoir data, and providing a second user objective and
5 providing second input data selected from one or both of wellbore data and reservoir data;

6 generating a ~~specific~~first workflow corresponding to said first user objective, and
7 generating a second workflow corresponding to said second user objective;

8 selecting a plurality of software modules in response to said ~~specific~~first workflow,
9 said plurality of software modules including a first subset of software modules having a first
10 predetermined sequence, and a second subset of software modules having a second
11 predetermined sequence, wherein the software modules of the first subset are part of a first tool,
12 and the software modules of the second subset are part of a second tool;

13 selecting a different plurality of software modules in response to said second workflow,
14 said different plurality of software modules including a third subset of software modules having
15 a third predetermined sequence, and a fourth subset of software modules having a fourth
16 predetermined sequence, wherein the software modules of the third subset are part of the first
17 tool, the software modules of the fourth subset are part of the second tool, wherein the third
18 predetermined sequence is different from the first predetermined sequence, and the fourth
19 predetermined sequence is different from the second predetermined sequence;

20 executing said software modules of the first subset in said first predetermined sequence
21 in response to said first input data;

22 executing said software modules of the second subset in said second predetermined
23 sequence in response to output of the first subset of software modules; ~~[[and]]~~

24 executing said software modules of the third subset in said third predetermined
25 sequence in response to said second input data;

26 executing said software modules of the fourth subset in said fourth predetermined
27 sequence in response to output of the third subset of software modules;

28 generating ~~[[said]]~~a first final product when the execution of said ~~plurality~~first and
29 second subsets of software modules is complete, wherein said first final product includes a
30 model of a reservoir to be produced by a well; and

31 generating a second final product when the execution of said third and fourth subsets of

32 said software modules is complete, wherein said second final product includes another model
33 of the reservoir.

8. (Cancelled)

1 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein executing said first subset of
2 software modules in said first predetermined sequence in response to said first input data
3 generates first conditioned data; [[and]]wherein executing said third subset of software
4 modules in said third predetermined sequence in response to said second input data generates
5 second conditioned data; wherein executing said second subset of software modules in said
6 second predetermined sequence is in response to said first conditioned data; wherein executing
7 said fourth subset of software modules in said fourth predetermined sequence is in response to
8 said second conditioned data, said first final product being generated when the execution of
9 said second subset of software modules in said second predetermined sequence is complete,
10 and said second final product being generated when the execution of said fourth subset of
11 software modules in said fourth predetermined sequence is complete.

1 10. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium readable by a computer tangibly
2 embodying a set of instructions executable by the computer to perform method steps for
3 determining a final product in response to a user objective, said method steps comprising:
4 providing [[said]]a first user objective and providing first input data selected from one
5 or both of wellbore data and reservoir data, and providing a second user objective and
6 providing second input data selected from one or both of wellbore data and reservoir data;
7 generating a ~~specific~~first workflow corresponding to said first user objective, and
8 generating a second workflow corresponding to said second user objective;
9 selecting a plurality of software modules in response to said ~~specific~~first workflow,
10 said plurality of software modules including a first subset of software modules having a first
11 predetermined sequence, and a second subset of software modules having a second
12 predetermined sequence, wherein the software modules of the first subset are part of a first tool,
13 and the software modules of the second subset are part of a second tool;
14 selecting a different plurality of software modules in response to said second workflow.

15 said different plurality of software modules including a third subset of software modules having
16 a third predetermined sequence, and a fourth subset of software modules having a fourth
17 predetermined sequence, wherein the software modules of the third subset are part of the first
18 tool, the software modules of the fourth subset are part of the second tool, wherein the third
19 predetermined sequence is different from the first predetermined sequence, and the fourth
20 predetermined sequence is different from the second predetermined sequence;

21 executing said software modules of the first subset in said first predetermined sequence
22 in response to said first input data;

23 executing said software modules of the second subset in said second predetermined
24 sequence in response to output of the first subset of software modules;[[and]]

25 executing said software modules of the third subset in said third predetermined
26 sequence in response to said second input data;

27 executing said software modules of the fourth subset in said fourth predetermined
28 sequence in response to output of the third subset of software modules;

29 generating [[said]]a first final product when the execution of said ~~plurality~~first and
30 second subsets of software modules is complete, wherein said first final product includes a
31 model of a reservoir to be produced by a well; and

32 generating a second final product when the execution of said third and fourth subsets of
33 said software modules is complete, wherein said second final product includes another model
34 of the reservoir.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 10, wherein executing said first subset of software modules in said first predetermined sequence in response to said first input data generates first conditioned data; wherein executing said third subset of software modules in said third predetermined sequence in response to said second input data generates second conditioned data;[[and]] wherein executing said second subset of software modules in said second predetermined sequence is in response to said first conditioned data; wherein executing said fourth subset of software modules in said fourth predetermined sequence is in response to said second conditioned data, said first final product being generated when the execution of said second subset of software modules in said second predetermined sequence is complete, and said second final product being generated when the execution of said fourth subset of software modules in said fourth predetermined sequence is complete.

13. (Currently Amended) A system for determining a final product in response to a user objective, comprising:

first apparatus for receiving ~~[[said]]~~a first user objective and receiving first input data selected from one or both of wellbore data and reservoir data, and for receiving a second user objective and receiving second input data selected from one or both of wellbore data and reservoir data;

second apparatus for generating a ~~specific~~first workflow corresponding to said first user objective, and for generating a second workflow corresponding to said second user objective;

third apparatus for selecting a plurality of software modules in response to said ~~specific~~first workflow, said plurality of software modules including a first subset of software modules having a first predetermined sequence, and a second subset of software modules having a second predetermined sequence, wherein the software modules of the first subset are part of a first tool, and the software modules of the second subset are part of a second tool; and for selecting a different plurality of software modules in response to said second workflow, said different plurality of software modules including a third subset of software modules having a third predetermined sequence, and a fourth subset of software modules having a fourth predetermined sequence, wherein the software modules of the third subset are part of the first tool, and the software modules of the fourth subset are part of the second tool, and wherein the third predetermined sequence is different from the first predetermined sequence, and the fourth

predetermined sequence is different from the second predetermined sequence;

fourth apparatus for executing said software modules of the first subset in said first predetermined sequence in response to said first input data, [[and]]executing said software modules of the second subset in said second predetermined sequence in response to output of the first subset of software modules, executing said software modules of the third subset in said third predetermined sequence in response to said second input data, and executing said software modules of the fourth subset in said fourth predetermined sequence in response to output of the third subset of software modules; and

fifth apparatus for generating ~~said a~~ first final product when the execution of said ~~plurality~~ first and second subsets of software modules is complete, and generating a second final product when the execution of said third and fourth subsets of software modules is complete, wherein said first final product includes a model of a reservoir to be produced by a well, and wherein said second final product includes another model of the reservoir.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the fourth apparatus for executing said first subset of software modules in said first predetermined sequence in response to said first input data generates first conditioned data; [[and]]the fourth apparatus for executing said third subset of software modules in said third predetermined sequence in response to said second input data generates second condition data; the fourth apparatus for executing said second subset of software modules in said second predetermined sequence is in response to said first conditioned data; and the fourth apparatus for executing said fourth subset of software modules in said fourth predetermined sequence is in response to said second condition data, said first final product being generated when the execution of said second subset of software modules in said second predetermined sequence is complete and said second final product being generated when the execution of said fourth subset of software modules in said fourth predetermined sequence is complete.

1 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein executing the ~~one or more~~
2 software modules of the first subset causes conditioning of the first set of input data to provide
3 [[the]]output that includes conditioned input data.

1 17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein conditioning the first set of
2 input data includes interpreting the first set of input data.

1 18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising using the reservoir
2 ~~model~~models to predict performance of producing from the reservoir.

1 19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 3, wherein executing the
2 ~~one or more~~ software modules of the first subset causes conditioning of the first set of input
3 data to provide [[the]]output that includes conditioned input data.

1 20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein
2 conditioning the first set of input data includes interpreting the first set of input data.

1 21. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 3, further comprising
2 using the reservoir ~~model~~models to predict performance of producing from the reservoir.

1 22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein executing the ~~one or more~~
2 software modules of the first subset causes conditioning of the first set of input data to provide
3 [[the]]output that includes conditioned input data.

1 23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein conditioning the first set of input
2 data includes interpreting the first set of input data.

1 24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the processor apparatus is to
2 further use the reservoir ~~model~~models to predict performance of producing from the reservoir.

1 25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein executing the first subset of
2 software modules causes conditioning of the first input data to provide [[the]]output that
3 includes conditioned input data.

1 26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 25, wherein conditioning the first input data
2 includes interpreting the first input data.

1 27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising using the reservoir
2 ~~model~~models to predict performance of producing from the reservoir.

1 28. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 10, wherein executing
2 the first subset of software modules causes conditioning of the first input data to provide [[the
3]]output that includes conditioned input data.

1 29. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein
2 conditioning the first input data includes interpreting the first input data.

1 30. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 10, wherein the method
2 steps further comprise using the reservoir ~~model~~models to predict performance of producing
3 from the reservoir.

1 31. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein executing the first subset of
2 software modules causes conditioning of the first input data to provide [[the]]output that
3 includes conditioned input data.

1 32. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein conditioning the first input data
2 includes interpreting the first input data.

- 1 33. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, further comprising a sixth apparatus to
2 use the reservoir ~~model~~models to predict performance of producing from the reservoir.